

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORT SUBSIDY
Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the Members of Parliament from the North Eastern Region had demanded early clearance of the outstanding transport subsidy to the tune of Rs.600.00 crore;
- (b) if so, the details of the items covered by the subsidy and the Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to carry out the works and projects connected therewith?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The subsidy is provided to such industrial units (barring plantations, power generation and refineries) which are engaged in production of any item/goods which fall under the category of 'manufacturing'. Since inception of the Scheme, a sum of Rs.733 crore (approximately) has been released for disbursal to industrial units in the North Eastern Region. Ministry of Finance have been requested to provide the requisite funds to settle the pending claims.